

Enrollment News

It's Election time which, means your Tribal ID should be current. Please note that when coming in to get a Tribal ID, you will need to have the exact amount of change. The cost of a Tribal ID is \$6.00. The Enrollment Office does not have change and you will have to go to the accounting office to get a receipt and you will need correct change there also.

It is always good to keep your information up to date. We may have mailings and we may need to reach you for various reasons.

The Enrollment Process usually takes 2-3 months. If you need your child enrolled for school in the fall you should start now. As with everything at election time things are slower.

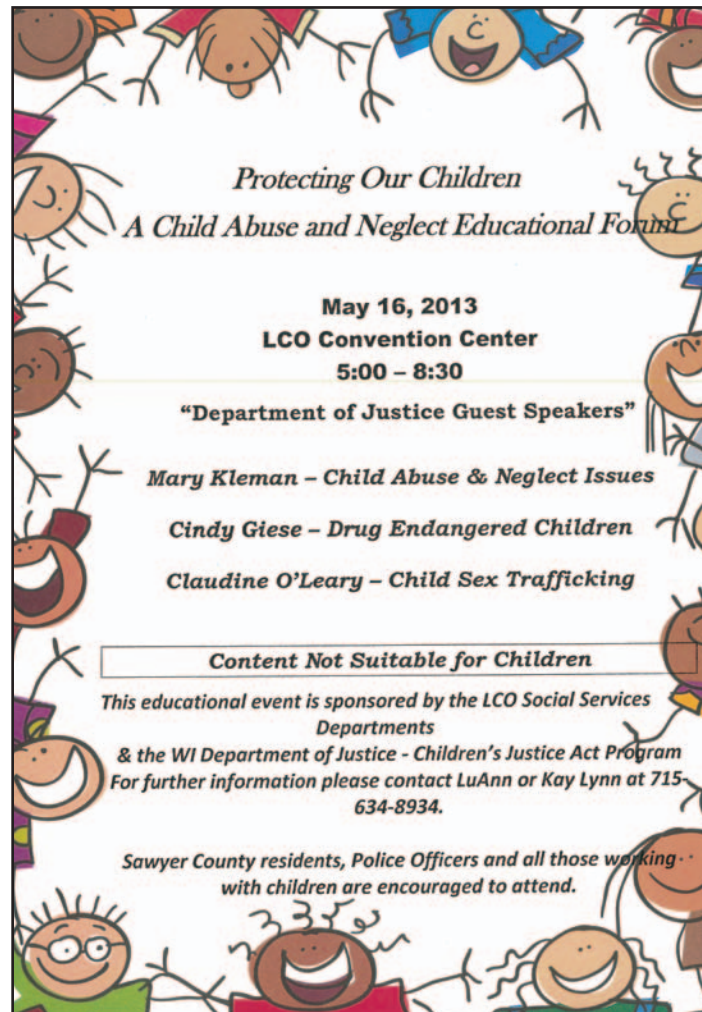
It is better if your child is enrolled when they are born. Our enrollment counts will be more accurate and is good for any funding that is received for our children. Our enrollment count for babies was 12 in 2012 and 1 in 2013.

Please contact us at 715-634-4853 (Dolores DeNasha) or 715-634-4854 (Cindy Taylor).

Public Works Information

On April 24th the Tribal Water system lost power to the pump house in Giiwedín. Our operations staff was not alerted because the alarm system lost power as well. On Thursday the 25th the pressure was very low in the system and we received many calls. A lot of sediment and discoloration was pulled from the well when we turned the power back on. While the discoloration is from manganese and iron in our well the water was and continues to be safe to drink. Our water is disinfected with a 15% Hypochlorite solution and we test the water multiple times a month. We have not received a positive Bacteria sample and lab reports are available for review at our office. Our crew has been out on the system flushing the water mains last week and this week. This is necessary to clean out the water lines and to remove sediments that cause discolored water. During this time it is common to see discolored water at various points in the system. It is especially noticeable this Spring because the Public Works Dept was unable to complete flushing in the Fall due to multiple projects and being understaffed.

Many calls have come into our office about the new billing changes for water and wastewater. The Tribal Public Works Department only charges a flat fee of \$25 for water, sewer or a combination of both. If you are a Housing tenant you might be charged a separate fee for your septic system maintenance. In the past Housing Authority was burdened with billing and collecting fees for the Public Works Department. We have started collecting our fees directly from the customers as of April 1st. Due to the wording in the tribal resolution we must follow payments are due on the 15th of each month. We are always willing to work with our customers on payment plans, payroll deduction and other accommodations. Please give us a call at 715 634-0347 or email us at publicworks@lco-nsn.com for any questions or concerns.



The Official Newsletter of the LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR OJIBWE

MAY 2013



Message from the Chairman

May is a time for graduations, weywegoggins, frogs, robins, politics, wood ticks and occasional lunatics. I hear a lot of negative rumors flying around now that election time is around the corner. Moving forward, I hope we can focus on building a vibrant healthy tribe. Following a long winter that overstayed its welcome, let's embrace the beauty of springtime at Lac Courte Oreilles. Why not join the melody of the frogs in our ponds thanking our Creator for our many blessings. Don't allow negativity to over shadow the season, let's celebrate and be thankful for the strong attributes and benchmarks of our Tribe, let me illustrate a few.



Our newly formed Youth Council—I'm proud of the growing confident leadership ability they demonstrate and how they reach out to help our community. On April 9th four of the Youth Council joined our tribal delegation at the State of the Tribes Address in Madison to give the Pledge of Allegiance. As I gave the address I was proud our tribe was well represented by our veterans, drum group youth, law enforcement and many of our members who attended.

The Elders Advisory Council was formed and is active and organizing steps to a constitutional revision plan and holding listening sessions with concerns of elders being brought to the Tribal Governing Board. Another active group—the LCO Elders Association is well known for its service to the tribe. A delegation of this group embarked on a fact finding visit to the LCO's Urban office in Minneapolis, and contrary to rumor, found out it's not a church and reported on the services provided to tribal members in the Twin Cities.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is doing a great job on coordinating the new Memorial. On May 27th Memorial Day, we will conduct the traditional ceremony with the dedication of the new Eagle sculpture designed by Sara Balbin, the final dedication will be on Veterans Day with the placement of the Eagle Feather Staff. When completed, the Kinnamon School historical site and Veterans Memorial will be a landmark to the strength and beauty of our tribe.

We continue the Employee of the Quarter awards for the staff who perform their duties in an exemplary way. Congratulations to the many employees who received the award to date.

WOJB-FM did a great job on the last fund drive, \$20,000 was raised on air and \$10,000 by renewed pledges. Keep the support going for your station. The next fund drive is scheduled for July 27th.

Congratulations to Barb LaRush for completing the 1200 mile Mississippi Water Walk from the headwaters of the River in Northern Minnesota to Louisiana. We are proud of her courage and determination to promote clean water and environment.

We recently formed the Public Information Committee to organize and disseminate news for the tribe in a professional manner. (continued on page 2)

LCO Election

The LCO Election Committee would like to announce the candidates that are running for Tribal Council. This is how they will appear on the ballot.

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| 1. Lori Taguma | 11. Russell "Rusty" Barber |
| 2. Elaine H. Smith | 12. Robert J. Sander |
| 3. Jason Schlender | 13. Donald Corbine |
| 4. Michael 'Mic' Isham Jr. | 14. Alan L. LaRush |
| 5. Ramona L. Morrow | 15. Brian Bisonette |
| 6. Gaiashkibos | 16. William Morrow |
| 7. Mike DeNasha | 17. Cynthia J. Miller |
| 8. Terry Tribble | 18. Dianne L. Sullivan |
| 9. Daryl Coons Sr. | 19. Susan Aasen |
| 10. Lorraine Gougé | 20. Norma J. Ross |

The official polling sites for all LCO Tribal Elections are as follows:

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
NEW POST ELDERLY CENTER
9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

The Election Committee is as follows: Sharon Starr, (Chairperson), Dan Cross, Marcy Gouge, Julie Bluesky, Deanna Baker, Steve Crone and Barb Lacapa as the Enrollment Representative.

We don't know every one; please have a valid picture I.D. available, preferably your LCO Tribal I.D.

PRIMARY ELECTION IS MAY 18, 2013.
GENERAL ELECTION IS JUNE 15, 2013.

The results will be announced periodically on WOJB and the final results will be posted on the front door of the LCO Tribal Office and on WOJB Radio.

—LCO Election Committee

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Message from the Chairman *(from page 1)*

In conjunction with the 40th Honor the Earth Powwow, the Council established the Winter Dam Commemorative Planning Team to promote the history of the 1971 takeover of Winter Dam that launched the first Honor the Earth Powwow. The team led by Elders Eddie Benton Banai, Marilyn Tribble and others will promote the event and give a history during the powwow.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Business Council was formed to promote and enhance our tribal business operations. We are proud to announce that Dave Fleming was hired to be our new Business Manager. A new RV Camp and cabin is in the planning at the Landing Resort.

Lac Courte Oreilles will be the first tribe in Wisconsin to have developed a Supportive Housing project for at-risk families and individuals who find it hard to get and maintain housing. This 24-unit project will be completed in 2015.

The Safety Center located in the Water Tower Community is preparing for an active summer of community events starting with the Spring Fest that will run for two days, May 17-18. The event includes live music, volley ball, three on three basketball, horseshoe tournament, kickball tournament, cribbage tournament, dunk tank for the Tribal Council, and fabulous door prizes. The goal is to promote healthy clean activities for the entire neighborhood.

The fact you are reading this in the new tribal newsletter or on the new website is a testimony to transparency of this administration. Since July 2011 we have held seven General Membership meetings, the next will be scheduled in July, date to be announced.

In the area of education, we established the *Lac Courte Oreilles Education Advancement Resource Network* or LEARN Commission. The vision for this project is to create a Department of Education for the tribe that promotes coordination and long range planning within our education network. From Early Head Start to the Community College, we envision a comprehensive plan that creates science and technology initiatives, job and career development for Tribal members in the field of education, law enforcement, social services and addiction recovery. We need to promote a four-year degree program at the college that enhances job opportunities for Tribal members.

The financial status of the tribe was improved by launching in 2011 what I call the *"Mission Possible"* initiative that in part stabilized our accounting department and overall Tribal administration, special thanks to the Shakopee Tribe for the one million dollar grant to carry out this goal. *We just received notice on May 6th 2013 that phase two of the "Mission Possible" project was again funded by Shakopee for \$500,000. My appreciation extends to the team who helped*

get phase two, great job! We continue to develop new initiatives now underway that will generate additional dollars to the Tribe. The team led by Vice Chairman Bill Morrow coordinating these endeavors, recently traveled to Washington DC and California to network resources to launch the plan. More will be revealed as this unfolds. Please see the letter from Shakopee on page 3 of this newsletter.

It's a fact; we have a much better financial position with a cash reserve now in the bank. A tribal wide audit is underway and will be completed in June. If major discrepancies are revealed that cast doubt on past money management practices we will engage a forensic audit of those discrepancies and take appropriate steps if necessary.

We will continue to work with the Clifton, Larson, Allen Firm (CLA) from Minneapolis to assist with an executive search for a Chief Financial Officer. A vital position we have needed for some time. The former financial operations were erratic with weak accounting practices that led to bank overdrafts, zero cash reserves and restricted status of our BIA programs. A few weeks ago I met in Minneapolis with the CLA Firm to discuss the agreement for the national search and to provide us an interim CFO until the search is completed. I also requested consultation with moving our Tribal Operation plan ahead. We invested much time and money to get this launched; CLA's directive was to evaluate the Tribes administrative offices and governance structures and to return Lac Courte Oreilles to a position of organizational and financial strength. CLA also performed an assessment of clinic operations.

As Chairman, my leadership role requires developing a course of action for the tribe that promotes growth and stability; this can only be accomplished with consultation and guidance from the entire Tribal Council and management team.

I feel in the past six months my personal goals to produce jobs and economic growth for the tribe have been slowed down in order to correct internal problems; example: the prescription drug problem and management deficiencies at our clinic brought the Tribe to the brink of losing the Indian Health Service Contract. This would have eliminated jobs and critical medical services, however, I had several meetings with IHS and corrective action steps by the staff were taken to prevent this. We are embarking on an action plan to increase third party billing for the Clinic and launch a capital campaign for a new 35,000 square foot facility.

Addressing internal problems of tribal operations and political "brush fires" however diverts our energy and resources. Lac Courte Oreilles can only prosper under good experienced leadership, I'm most confident the *"Mission Possible"* initiatives can move forward with experienced leadership and teamwork at the helm.

6th Annual LCO Motorcycle Cancer Fundraiser

July 13, 2013 • LCO Casino & Convention Center

Registration 8:00 am • \$15.00 per rider/guest rider

Choice of Rides: 200 Mile Ride/5 stops/50-50 raffle

100 Mile Poker Run • Rides depart 9:00 am SHARP!

T-Shirts \$15.00

FUN Biker Games following the rides behind the LCO Casino

For more information contact LuAnn (715-634-8934) or Jason at (715-699-6199)



1st Annual LCO On Eagles Wings Safety Center Spring Fest

Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th

Friday 5 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday all day 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

LCO On Eagles Wings Safety Center

Food, Family & Fun—Entertainment & Door Prizes

Co-ed Volleyball Tournament- Youth & Adults

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament- Youth & Adults

Kick Ball Tournament—Children

Horseshoe Tournament—Youth & Adults

★SAVE THE DATE★

6th Annual LCO Motorcycle Cancer Fundraiser

On July 13, 2013 the roar of motorcycles will once again be heard at LCO for the 6th Annual Cancer Fundraiser! During the past 5 fundraisers Bikers have driven from as far away as Superior, Green Bay, Menomonee, Milwaukee and other areas to help support this very worthwhile cause. The funds raised are used for financial assistance to Tribal members that are undergoing surgery, chemotherapy or radiation treatments and need help with food, lodging or fuel assistance. With that in mind the logo on our t-shirts "WE RIDE FOR THEM" are now on sale. Please call Forest at 715-634-8934 to purchase a shirt for \$15.00!

This year Bikers will have an option of choosing either to participate in the 200 mile ride with 4 stops or – a 100 mile ride Poker Run. The cost to participate in the ride is \$15.00 per rider or guest rider. All registered paid bikers will receive a \$5.00 match play coupon from the LCO Casino! Registration is from 8 – 9:00 a.m. and both rides will depart at 9:00 sharp to keep us on schedule. There are a limited number of rooms reserved at the LCO Lodge for registered bikers. Please call 1-800-LCO-CASH and ask for group # 71213 to make your reservation. Also, free "rough" camping will be available behind the LCO Casino for registered paid bikers. New this year - Jason Weaver and ABATE will be holding Biker Games behind the LCO Casino following the ride! Please feel free to contact LuAnn Kolumbus, Forest Rose Belille (715-634-8934) or Jason Weaver at (715-699-6199) if you have questions or need further information regarding our fundraiser. Miigwetch!

If you are a Tribal member and have been diagnosed with cancer and need assistance, please contact Sandy Bird, RN at the LCO Clinic (715-634-4153) or LuAnn at the LCO Tribal Office at 715-634-8934.

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board

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2013 SPRING CLEAN-UP MAY 6th—MAY 25th

Limited to LCO Tribal Members living on the Reservation (Tribal ID's will be required), **NOT FOR BUSINESS USE!**

- Clean up your yard and the roadsides in your community. Sign up with friends & co-workers for Adopt-A-Road.
- Leave your 5 free clear bags per household on the roadside the day before your scheduled pick-up.

SITE ONE: LCO TRANSFER STATION - This site is for trash/garbage ONLY. NO LARGE ITEMS will be taken at this site.

SITE TWO: CHIPPEWA WOODCRAFTERS - This site is for all LARGE ITEMS, that includes Electronics, Stoves, Refrigerators, Furniture, Water Heaters, and Tires. NO Garbage!

Please set items at the end of your driveway (the day before your scheduled pick-up—please do not put it out early—it gets scattered and our guys will not clean it up). Only ONE pick up day per community.

- **NO HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS** such as: paint, solvents or unknown chemicals will be picked up or accepted at LCO TRANSFER STATION OR CHIPPEWA WOODCRAFTERS.
- The crews will **only** be in your community on the scheduled days. Please remember **NO BAGS OTHER THAN LCO LOGO BAGS OR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE** will be picked up. If you miss the pick up date, it will be your responsibility to haul it to the LCO Transfer Station or Chippewa Woodcrafters. If your community is not listed, please call LCO Housing to schedule a pick-up.
- **LCO Housing will be giving out 5 clear bags free of charge during spring clean-up. These bags will only be taken during spring cleanup and are for yard and roadside garbage only.** You will be required to sign out bags and write down which community you will be cleaning.
- **This year during Spring Clean-up all household garbage MUST be in LCO Logo garbage bags.** If any other bags are brought to the transfer station you will be charged \$1.00/bag.
- **LCO Logo Garbage bags will be sold at the reduced price of \$1.00 per bag at the LCO Conservation office located by Hwy K and at the LCO Housing Office.** This Special rate will only be available during Spring Clean-up.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS DURING SPRING CLEAN UP:
Monday - Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
CLOSED SUNDAYS

LAST DAY FOR SPRING CLEAN UP IS SATURDAY MAY 25th!!
If you have questions regarding the schedule or for more information call LCO Housing Authority at 715-634-2147

Honor our Mother Earth

Let's all do our part to make this the best Spring Clean-up ever!!

3rd Annual
B and G
SPRING SPREE!
5K-10K Run/Walk 2013

Sponsored by:

LCO Casino
Lodge & Convention Center
Chippewa Valley Bank

LCO Quick Stop
LCO Country Store

Beehive
Botanicals

Saturday, May 18th, 9am-Noon
\$25 entry fee includes: Pancake Breakfast & Open House @ 9:00am!
T-SHIRTS DOOR PRIZES MEDALS
Location: LCO Boys & Girls Club on Trepania Rd.

Call 715-634-4050 with questions or for more info. All proceeds benefit LCO Boys & Girls Club Summer Programs.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of Lac Courte Oreilles

Be Great. Run With the Great Spirit.



Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

2330 SIOUX TRAIL NW • PRIOR LAKE, MINNESOTA 55372
TRIBAL OFFICE: 952-445-8900 • FAX: 952-445-8906

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Charlie Vig
Chairman
Keith B. Anderson
Vice-Chairman
Lori K. Watso
Secretary/Treasurer

April 24, 2013

Chairman Gordon Thayer
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe
13394 W. Trepania Road
Hayward, WI 54843

RE: Community Development Grant

Dear Chairman Thayer,

On behalf of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, we are pleased to inform you that a second grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe is pledged for the Mission Possible project you must submit a revised budget for approval containing no salaries. This approval is for fiscal year 2013 and the majority of the funds must be used before September 30, 2013.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community will release the funds through monthly draws through the Tribal Controller's office. If you have any questions, contact Tribal Controller Joe Dean at (952) 496-6128.

Sincerely,

Charlie Vig

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Chairman

Keith B. Anderson

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Vice Chairman

Lori K. Watso

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Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: Joe Dean, SMSC Controller

The following statement is from the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board by consensus:

The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board is totally disappointed in the acts of vandalism on the TGB Election campaign signs of this year's candidates.

These acts of vandalism and destruction of property are not only shameful and disrespectful, but also, violate everyone's right to Freedom of Speech.

Perpetrators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

2013 Lac Courte Oreilles Annual Youth and Education Golf Classic

"INVITATION TO GOLF FOR EDUCATION"

In 2007, the Tribal Governing Board established the **Lac Courte Oreilles Annual Youth and Education Golf Classic** to raise funds for education scholarships and youth activities. Last year we raised nearly \$51,000 in gross revenue and awarded 28 education scholarships. This would not have been possible without the support of our business partners, participants and community!

We would like to invite you to partner with us by participating in this year's tournament, which will take place on **June 1, 2013** at the Pete Dye designed, award winning Big Fish Golf Club adjacent to the Lac Courte Oreilles Casino, Lodge and Convention Center located in Hayward, Wisconsin. With your support this event will continue to be successful.

Enclosed is the 2013 tournament sponsorship packet. Review the packet for the opportunity that matches or best meets your business goals or contribution. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following coordinators:

Tournament Coordinator, Jeff Crone
(715) 699-5373 • jeff.crone@lco-nsn.gov
Asst. Coordinator, Chris Rusk
(715) 699-9334 • chris.rusk@lccasino.com
Asst. Coordinator, Rosalie Gokee
(715) 634-8934 ext. 277 • rgokee@lco-nsn.gov

Support our tournament, but more importantly support education scholarships and youth activities. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at this year's tournament!

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The Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board
Gordon Thayer, Chairman
William Morrow, Vice-Chairman
Michael Isham Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Russell Barber, Board Member
Gary Clause, Board Member
Don Carley, Board Member
Larry Kagigebi, Board Member

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board
13394 W Trepania Road • Hayward, WI 54843
(715)634-8934

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School

Congratulations 2013 LCO High School Graduates!

Commencement Ceremony • May 28, 2013 • 10:00 am • Honor the Earth Powwow Grounds



NATALIE BEAULIEU



KEAUNE CLAUSE



JAMES LOUIS



KELLY MARTINSON



DOMINIC POTACK



LORI POTACK



KURSTIE QUAGON



NICHOLAS QUAGON



SAMANTHA QUAGON

“Rocky” Warwick *(continued from page 11)*
 enough to make it, a phone call with a listening ear was all I needed to help pick my head up and to remind myself why I was there again. I also joined the Native American Student Association where I would see some familiar faces from home and who also helped show me the ropes around campus.
 The Indian Health Service (IHS) has helped me accomplish my Degree by awarding me with a scholarship for my education. I was also given the opportunity to serve an internship in Red Lake, MN at their IHS hospital working on their inpatient floor the summer of 2012. That experience allowed me to meet some amazing individuals who I will never forget and taught me

valuable lessons on both my career and life. Now, IHS has given me another opportunity; to serve in Gallup, New Mexico working on a medical-surgical and pediatrics floor at the Gallup Indian Medical Center. I am very excited to start this new adventure doing a job I love to do and worked very hard to achieve.
 I believe If you hold high expectations for yourself and give everything you do 110% you will be surprised of the end result. I hope more young people choose to pursue their dreams, even if it takes you out of your comfort zone, because you will achieve great things with a little hard work and dedication. The opportunities in life are endless, it just starts with some ambition and pride along the way.

1ST ANNUAL LCO OEW SAFETY CENTER SPRING FEST

- CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
- HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
- KICKBALL TOURNAMENT
- CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
- SMEAR TOURNAMENT
- DOOR PRIZES
- ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD - COMMUNITY POT LUCK MEAL
- LOTS OF SOBER AND GOOD CLEAN FUN!

Door Prizes include:
 2 Flat Screen TV's
 2 Mountain Bikes
 2 IPODS
 2 Casino Stay N Plays
 Much more - To be eligible for door prizes either volunteer or bring your favorite dish to share

For further information and or to volunteer or contribute a food item contact Jeff Crone at (715) 634-1523 or (715) 699-5373 email: jeff.crone@lco-nsn.gov

SPONSORED BY: LCO ON EAGLES WINGS SAFETY CENTER AND THE LCO TRIBE

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Cash Prizes for 1st through 4th Place

1st Place	\$120.00
2nd Place	\$90.00
3rd Place	\$60.00
4th Place	\$30.00

May 17th and 18th

LCO Safety Center 12924 Water Tower Ln.

To sign up call Lisa Perry : (715) 699-2413

Smear and Cribbage Tournament

Cash Prizes for 1st

Cribbage Tournament Payouts:

1st Place	\$50.00
2nd Place	\$40.00
3rd Place	\$30.00
4th Place	\$20.00

Smear Tournament Payouts:

1st Place	\$50.00
2nd Place	\$40.00
3rd Place	\$30.00
4th Place	\$20.00

May 17th and 18th

LCO Safety Center 12924 Water Tower Ln.

To sign up call Clint Price: (715) 699-5373

Lac Courte Oreilles Harvest Camp Overview

Old Plummer Camp Village - Moore Park Road Hunting, Fishing, Harvesting, Business and Recreational Use

Head north on County Highway E from LCO casino = 2 miles.

Turn right on WI 77-E = 27.7 miles to Clam Lake.

Turn Left onto Co Hwy M/Co GG = 0.2

Turn Right on Co Hwy GG = 19.4 miles to Mellen, Wisconsin

About 10 miles from Clam Lake note Iron Ore Deposit on right side - this is the Western End of 22 mile long Ore Deposit.

Highway GG will take you to Main Street in Mellen.

Turn Right on Main Street, then left on Lake Street/Hwy 77 East.

If you stay on Lake Street, it will take you on the BACK side of the Ore Deposit and back to Hwy 77.

Stay on Hwy 77 going East towards Hurley, Wisconsin for 7.5 miles.

Turn Right on Moore Park Road about 3 miles after Iron/Ashland County Line.

Moore Park Road goes up hill, take a right then about 1,000 feet of straight road,

Camp Plummer is on right hand side before next sharp left. Going straight takes you to Tylor's Fork.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Harvest and Educational Camp is located on Moore Park Road (between Mellen and Upson on the south side of Highway 77 about 3 miles east of the Ashland/Iron County line and the old village site of Plummer. It is on county land and covered by ceded territory hunting, fishing and harvesting rights. The entire titled region that Gogebic Taconite (Gtac), RGGS, LaPointe Mining owns on the 22 mile ore deposit is enrolled in the State Forest Management Tax Credit program and is therefore guided by state agreements with the tribes regarding harvesting. Check with your tribal conservation department about harvesting permits. Some sections on the west end are in national forest lands, and others in Iron County are entirely surrounded by county lands.

The camp will be overseen by several LCO harvesters organized loosely by Melvin Gasper and Felina LaPointe. Harvesting on public lands is not constrained to just treaty harvest but includes harvestable products by non-Natives as well. We will be looking to include elders and youth, school, college, AODA, language immersion, rehab and business development programs -- asking the question, how can we learn about the ancient Cahokia history of the range, Ojibwe village and burial locations, and the mining that has occurred over the course of 1,200 years including the geography, topography located there. What can be harvested, from berries to iron wood and used or bartered to assist in making a moderate living as defined by courts under treaties with the Chippewa.

Many of us are also descendants of past Allottees in the area. Researchers have so far located over 150 Indian Allotments on the ore deposit issued from 1858 through 1887. For example, John B. Corbin had an 80 acre allotment near Copper Falls State Park. We want to know how this land was disenfranchised from our relatives.

We are encouraging a strong LCO delegation to the Copper Falls State Park event May 24-26th and will be contributing to the feast being held there on Saturday May 25 and Sunday May 26. I emphasize that LCO people are not in charge of any other camps along the 22 mile long Penoque Range this summer, nor their security.

The main task of this LCO camp at Plummer will be to host LCO members and other guests, at their request to stay on or near the camp, or any other trail camps that LCO might set up. That will be up to those doing inventory of resources, trail blazing, archaeology work and harvesting. Several people have already requested harvesting permits for birch bark, iron wood, ginseng and other products they are identifying. LCO has declared its intent to harvest one of the nine walleye available on nearby Lake Gallilee. Deer and other hunting permits are available for the region.

The LCO Camp will include a wall tent with medical supplies, kitchen, stove and cots, elder resting, maps, and **WORK schedule**. Several wigwams will be constructed in the same vicinity for use as lodging, storage of trail tents and equipment. Donation of the same materials, non-perishable goods, tents, shovels, hatchets, axes, lighting, screening, carving knives, camping bowls, etc will be taken at both the Trading Post at LCO and the Penoque Hills Education Project offices in Ashland, Wisconsin.

LCO Harvest Camp Agenda/Mining Impact/Planning/Consultation Dates:

Tuesday April 30th	11:30-1:00pm LCO Tribal Office Peter Larson Room
Friday May 10th	3:30-5pm LCO Tribal Office Peter Larson Room
Wednesday May 22nd	3:30-5pm LCO Tribal Office Peter Larson Room
Friday May 24	Penoque Hills Fundraiser at Bad River Casino/Set Up Copper Falls
Saturday May 25	Copper Falls State Park/Camp Plummer
Sunday May 26	Copper Falls State Park/Camp Plummer (Summer schedule guided by Camp Plummer)

For general information on the Harvest Camp contact Paul DeMain at 715-634-5226 Ext.1. For camping, tribal harvesting and hunting permits for the Penoque Range continue to consult with your local conservation departments for guidance.

Commencement Ceremony

Family and Friends!

Please join us in celebrating the promotion of our

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Classes

May 24th, 2013 • Theresa Williams Gymnasium

Kindergarten Graduation will be held at 10 am

8th Grade Promotion at 1 pm

8th Grade Grads

Andrew Barber

Myah Clause

Brandon Corbine

Tamika Hall

Vinessah Homesky

Jacob Isham

Leon Jack

Robert Jack

Jessy Martinson

Chenoa Miller

Ravenheart Quagon

Keith Tainter

Jaime Thayer-Vega

Mariah Trepania

Javier Yanez



8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Kindergarten Grads

Winona Baker

Sean Beaulieu

Alexandrea Belille

Leah Bildeau

Gary Clause

Sequoia Cooper

Chase Corbine

Walter Corbine

Aniyah Cross

Harmony Gouge

Charles Grover

Evan Heath

Cassidy Kingfisher

Kane LaRonge

Bryan Miller

McShane Nickence

Dylan Quagon

LaMina Quagon

Richard Quagon

Kyleena Smith

Aimee Sweats

Thomas White



MRS. WERGELAND'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS



MRS. DONAHUGHE'S
KINDERGARTEN CLASS

LCO Students Visit UM



Several LCO High school students went to tour the University of Minnesota/Twin Cities campus on April, 24, 2013. These students did fund raisers to go to visit Haskell but they didn't raise enough so this trip was plan B, I thought it turned out great.

Students attending were Robyn Trepania, Arianna Crone, Bird Parent, Tyra Collins, Lindsay Boswell, Ogema Tribble, Tim Barber, Kevin Stevens, John Radermacher, and Joe DeNasha.

The chaperones for this trip was Tim Stevens, Dianne Sullivan and Patti Quaderer.

High School Student Council Planning All-Night Lock-In

The LCO high school student council voted unanimously to forgo plans for Prom this year and instead hold another all night lock-in at the school on Friday, May 17th. The End of The Year Lock-In will take place at the high school and will be open to all LCO high school students. Students will need to hand in a signed parent permission slip and will need to have transportation home from the event on Saturday morning.

Activities planned for the lock-in include: movies, relay races, games, crafts, and a cook out and water balloon fight. Snacks or other donations for the lock-in are being requested by Student Council members.

Reasons cited for the cancellation of Prom were the high cost of putting on the dance and the low turnout and participation at last year's event, as well as the overall success of the Red Ribbon Week Lock-In that took place in October, and requests of the student body to put on another similar event.

Discussion was held about having a Prom every other year in the hopes that participation will improve if it is held in alternating years.

U.S. History Students Visit World War II Museum and Local Memorial

On Tuesday April 30th high school sophomores and juniors in the U.S. History classes at the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School had the opportunity to learn about the contributions of Americans, including local veterans to World War Two. The day began with a visit to the Veterans Memorial located in front of the LCO Tribal Office where local historian Brian Bisonette detailed the history of the memorial. Students were given the opportunity to investigate the memorial to locate names of family members engraved on the granite.

Students then boarded the bus and traveled to the Richard Bong Heritage Museum in Superior, Wisconsin. While at the museum students were allowed to examine artifacts and uniforms used by WWII soldiers, pilots and sailors, in addition to hearing eyewitness accounts of combat veterans from WWII and the Korean War. Following a short discussion a film the students participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the museum which provided a wonderful opportunity to explore and investigate the extensive exhibits.



My name is Rochelle "Rocky" Warwick, daughter of Russ & Lori Warwick. As of February 2013, I became a Registered Nurse with my Bachelors Degree in Science. I graduated from Hayward High School in 2008 and grew up in the community of Whitefish. I started my journey at the LCO College where I received my Certified Nursing Assistant License in 2008. I was born a natural caregiver and it has always been my passion to help others. I discovered nursing as my calling by simply helping my family with their healthcare needs while growing up and also babysitting as a side job. After taking the CNA course and having an amazing first hand experience assisting the elderly in the local Nursing Home, I knew it was truly meant for me.



When I recognized this, it helped me to discover my own dream... to graduate college as a professional nurse, a first for my family. Thanks to many supportive teachers, advisors, and role models who helped me along the way (and some persistence), I was accepted into the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire and graduated in December 2012 with Honors.

One of the biggest challenges personally was moving away from home and into a University with complete strangers, which was definitely out of my comfort zone. Over time, I learned how important it was to have support from family and friends during this transition. When I was down and felt like I was not smart

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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION and VETERANS RECOGNITION

8493N County Road E, Hayward Wisconsin
CORNER OF HIGHWAYS E AND K
MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013 • 11:00 AM

Schedule of Events

- Welcome by Chairman Gordon Thayer
- Spiritual Invocation by Eddie Benton-Banai
- Welcome Song by LCO Soldiers Drum
- Reading of WWI Veterans
- Recognition of WWII Veterans
- Acknowledgement/Recognition of Stanley Crooks
- Honor Song by LCO Soldiers Drum
- Flag Raising by LCO AMVETS Post 1998
- Rifle Salute by LCO AMVETS Post 1998
- Bugle Salute/Taps by LCO AMVETS Post 1998
- Traveling Song/Waadookodaading Students
- Lunch at Tribal Government Pavilion



Questions, please call 715-634-8934
PUBLIC WELCOME

LCO AMVETS will represent the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe at the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Hayward beginning at 9:30 AM—Migwetch Veterans.



Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College Extension Programming Calendar Waabigwanii-giizis (May) 2013 Flower Moon



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Need your garden area tilled? Interested in CSA? Community garden plot? Call us!	All Workshops are FREE and open to the COMMUNITY! Pre-registration is required: Call 715-634-4790 Ext 156 or email marlowa@lco.edu. Workshops with few registered participants are subject to cancellation.		1 ServSafe Test 8:30am-11am Food Handlers Training 1:30-3:30p	2	3 Guitar Lessons (9-3) 1 hr individual sessions—must make appointment	4
5	6	7 	8 Wild Edibles! Hike & Dinner 5-8pm Student Ctr Kitchen	9 Cooking with Herbs Chef Al 5-8pm Student Ctr Kitchen	10 	11 Bustlemaking LCO High School Home-Ec Room 9am-4pm
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	13	14 Beginner Gardening 5-7:30pm College Farm Froemel Rd	15 Env. Film 5-7p Gail Francis Talk Journey of Pacific Crest Trail Auditorium/ Dinner	16 Beading Circle 5-8pm Student Center Dinner Provided	17 Spearing Meet at LCOOCC Parking Lot 7pm—11pm	18
19 Porcupine Hair Roaches Peter Larson Rm 10am-3pm	20	21 	22 Recreational Uses of GPS/ Geocaching College Farm 5-8pm & Dinner	23 LCOOCC Graduation 10am	24	25
26	27 	28	29 Drip Irrigation/ Rain Barrel Make & Take College Farm 5-7:30pm & Dinner	30 Container/ Straw Bale Gardening College Farm 5-7:30pm & Dinner	31	We can provide transportation! Call us at 715-634-4790 Ext 156

LCO Youth Council meets every Wednesday
Peter Larson Room (5-7pm)



Become our Friend on Facebook — "LCOOCC Extension," for current activities listing, information, & photos



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abide by the same polices that they demand of the employees and not hold themselves above the law. Let's demand open and transparent government. Let's take the first step in taking back our Tribal Government on Saturday, May 18, 2013. I ask for your vote of support.

Standing up for what is right, fighting for the people of LCO. Vote gaiashkibos. www.facebook.com/vote.gaiashkibos

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Boozhoo, my name is **Lori Taguma**. I am a member of the Bracklin family, and a descendant of one of the original chiefs at LCO. I was raised in Whitefish, and attended Stone Lake and Hayward Schools. My first job at thirteen years old was in community development, helping elders and beautifying the community. As a Teacher and Education Specialist, one of my goals has been to assist others in fulfilling their potential since our greatest resource is our tribal members.

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies, a Social Science, from UC Berkeley. My thesis focused on analysis of Native American culture and the ways in which law, business, art, health, and science combine to create social policy. I have a deep commitment to creating healthy, safe, enriching communities, individuals and families. I recently lobbied Senators and members of Congress, NCAI, and women's groups for native inclusion in the Violence Against Women Act.

I served as an Executive Board member for the American Indian Child Resource Center, and as an Art Commissioner for the City of Berkeley, focusing on Native American public art projects. I also served as a Board member for the University of California Sailing Club and for the Pacifica Foundation, the largest consortium of public radio stations in the country. In addition, I attended the American Film Institute, have ten certifications and have managed three businesses.

If you vote for me you will gain an honest, dedicated, caring team member who is motivated to create healthy communities, advocate for women and children, and those who have suffered from discrimination.

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Dianne Sullivan

As a tribal member, I have been concerned about the lack of voice for members with our government. I watched people run on campaigns of honest, open government with accountability to the people. It seems that once elected; the people are often ignored for another four years.

I would like to be that voice for the people, particularly Anishinaabe women. They are the backbone of our families, the

life-givers and the care-takers. It is imperative to have that balance in the decision-making process on the highest level. In supporting our women, we support our men and children, ensuring the healthy continuation of our families.

While I strongly uphold the traditions, values, and lifestyle of our people, we need, as a nation to continue moving forward in these ever-changing times. A unified government that is truly for the people, by the people.

The seven elected leaders of this tribe are literally the CEO's of a multi-million dollar corporation. We need leaders we can trust to make decisions based on what is the best interest of the tribe. Not just a few, not just my family, but the membership as a whole.

It is difficult to understand how the governing board can be so "spilt" or "divided" when they are elected by the people to serve the people. Every day, not just at election times. Our elected leaders need to trust that the membership can handle the truth about the state of tribal affairs and not some "spin" created to appease the people.

My campaign focus will be based on bringing that silent majority to the forefront and always doing the next, best, right thing.

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Boozhoo, my name is **Susan Aasen**. I am a candidate for the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board.

I hold the qualifications to be a part of a team of leaders who will strive to bring integrity, honor and faithfulness to the pride of our Ojibwa Nation.

Tribal leaders must have the strength and wisdom to forge forward to a better tomorrow for our youth and elders alike. In order to do that we need to uphold transparency for growth.

My qualifications as an attorney have and continue to be focused on Tribal Law. Samples of expertise includes but are not limited in the history, sovereignty, constitution, Public Law 280, separation of power and the benefits of such, treaties and our tribal rights.

I am also well versed in Tribal Court processes that include mediation, Indian Child Welfare, custody, elder law as well as all other aspects of our tribal codes.

In my 33 years of working with tribes throughout the USA one of the most important issues has been the consistent compliance of Tribal Constitutions.

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Boozhoo Relatives:
My name is **Russell "Rusty" Barber**, resident of Round Lake, here at Lac Courte Oreilles. I humbly ask for your support on my re-election to the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council. I have served graciously for 20 years in the United States Army and 10 years on Tribal Council. I currently serve on the Namekagon Transit, WisDOT Tribal Task Force, and many other committees to serve our People.

As a WisDOT Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC) Member, we're working diligently with WisDOT to create jobs on State roads through the Native American Hiring Provision Act. LCO Development is the only tribally owned and operated minority business in the State. Through our partnerships, LCO Development has the opportunity for extensive jobs and employment for our workforce. Other Tribes are interested in collaborating with LCO Development due to its status as a minority owned business.

As a Representative of Namekagon Transit, we are working on connecting Lac du Flambeau, Bad River, and Red Cliff communities so that we may visit one another or relax and enjoy each others' facilities.

I take my job as Tribal Council Member seriously and represent LCO professionally. There is much to do to create jobs, housing, improve health care, promote family unity programs, and advance educational systems. It's important to educate our children and adults on modern issues, while instilling in ourselves our culture, through a historical perspective and through our Ojibwe language.

As a humble servant and Council Representative, thank you for your support and trust as our Tribe progresses. Weweni Sa.

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Elaine Smith, Candidate for TGB
Aaniin LCO Tribal Members! I believe that we all share in the desire to see LCO heal from our recent tragedies and prosper to grow in to a tribal nation that is strong and healthy. The path to this success depends on each and every one of us.

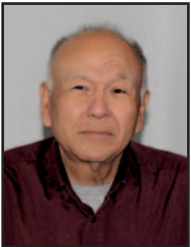
I decided to become a candidate for a seat on the council this year because I want to see changes in our government structure and methods of operation. From my perspective, those changes include building an internal governance system to strengthen the financial controls and further the tribe's economic growth.

As a tribal attorney, I have been blessed by the Creator to have the opportunity to work for two successful self-governance

tribes. This opportunity gave me experience in a variety of aspects of federal Indian law and tribal law. In particular, as a legislative attorney for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for the past 13 years, I gained experience in the creation of tribal laws, worked on a constitutional committee, and have experience with taxation and business issues as well as many other areas of tribal law. I believe that the creation of tribal codes is vital to building a strong and sound government.

It would be an honor to serve you on the TGB council and I'd appreciate your vote.

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Re-Elect **Bill Morrow** for Tribal Governing Board.

Accomplishments:
• In the last 12 months we brought the Tribe from \$43 million in debt, no money in the bank, overdrafts averaging \$400,000 per day and faced lay-offs, to being financially stronger today, by reducing the debt by \$14 million.

- We avoided staff lay-offs and no longer face overdraft charges.
- In the last 12 months I was appointed by TGB to spearhead online gaming and online lending that will create employment for Tribal members, as well as boost the economy of the Tribe.
- We supported the LCO Police Department in qualified staffing and brought up their compensation to near County and City agencies.

Projects in the works with profits made from the online gaming and online lending:

- Plans on opening an Assisted Living Facility.
- Plans on opening a Nursing Home.
- Plans on opening a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facility.

It was stated closed session by a fellow TGB member that if votes went a certain way on a controversial issue that it would be an issue in the upcoming election and the statement "Bring it on" was made. I took that as a threat, but I still voted for what I believed was right, in spite of costing votes, because I want to see a better future for LCO. WE HAVE TO MAKE A STAND FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE PEOPLE AND CHILDREN OF LAC COURTE OREILLES.

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Mic Isham
Boozhoo:
4 years ago when I was elected to Tribal Governing Board I said I would go to work everyday – and I have. Even if I'm on travel and get home late at night I still make sure I'm at work at 8am the next day. I punch the time clock just like all the other Tribal office employees!
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I know that when it comes to issues facing the Tribe there's no way that everyone will always agree but I believe that being at work and carrying a huge workload is extremely important to the Tribal membership. The last 4 years I have worked as hard as I can for our Tribe.

My number one concern is always the protection of our Sovereignty, Treaty Rights and Environment. We have many entities and we can argue over issues facing those entities but what are we as a Tribe if we lose any sovereignty or let our treaty rights get eroded in any way?

I've been national recognized as a leader in the Sovereignty, Treaty Rights and Environmental fields. The Ojibwe Treaty Tribes from Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin have elected me Chairman of the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission unanimously - this being my 10th term. The Obama administrations newly formed Great Lakes Advisory Board for the Environmental Protection Agency has selected me as an inaugural board member.

If the LCO people elect me to another term I will continue to fight as hard as I can to ensure we continue to enjoy our Sovereignty, Treaty Rights and have healthy, clean Natural Resources for our children and grandchildren. I will also continue to be at work everyday!



My name is **Ramona Morrow**, granddaughter of Elmer and Norma Corbine. I am a graduate of LCO Community College, UW-Eau Claire and a couple of classes away from my Masters from American Public University, online. I have worked the last ten years taking care of elders in nursing homes in Hayward, currently I work evenings full time at Hayward's Waters Edge Nursing Home while at the same time running my Native American Art Store.

I'm used to putting in long hours getting things done that need to be done. I believe that the elders needs come first, that their programs need to be funded without any cuts. The children are our future, they need their programs continued as well; they need direction in positive ways. I also believe in tribal equality when it comes to jobs within our tribe, I believe every tribal member who is qualified should have an equal chance when jobs become available within our tribe. If I am elected to Tribal Council, I promise to work hard for our people, put in long hours and represent each of you in a way that I can be proud of and make a difference in our members lives.



Boozhoo Indinawemaaganidog, My name is **Jason Schlender**, son of James H. Schlender Sr. and Clarice Lane. I was raised in the Upper Reserve and Black Bear Communities and I am so honored to be nominated as a candidate for the upcoming Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council election. *I pledge to be a tireless advocate for the people of LCO.*

My reason for running for council is simple. I am dedicated to the families, traditions, culture, and prosperity of the Lac Courte Oreilles people. The values, lessons, and assistance afforded to me from different families, individual leaders, and tribal programs have helped me achieve and excel in my life and now I would like to return the favor. I now possess a graduate degree in tribal administration and governance with the full intent on returning home to utilize my skill as a leader, visionary, and to be a representative that all of you can be proud of...

I believe in:

- *a strong, efficient (not rigid) government that values ethics, empowers the people, promotes program oversight, encourages consistent communication, and enhances tribal sovereignty
- *understanding, practicing, and protecting our treaty rights & resources which promote a healthy lifestyle, and elevates our respect and connection to the land
- *bolstering our elder services to alleviate their concerns about safety, protection, transportation, and nutrition
- *investing in our educational institutions as to further our endeavors in grooming our own scholars & innovative thinkers that will keep LCO progressive and unique
- *maximizing the potential of our tribal businesses by rigorously marketing and preparing LCO businesses to become popular destinations in Northern Wisconsin.
- *the revitalization and re-acquisition of Ojibwe culture and language. Our language and culture is the core of our tribal sovereignty and by fostering a positive bond with them we only serve to be rewarded with a solid foundation for the future.

My ultimate goal is to strengthen our tribal programs so that they may provide all of us with the tools so we can succeed.

Miigwech mikwenimiyeg (Thank you for remembering of me)

Manidoo Noodin, Bizhiw indoodem



Boozhoo to all Tribal Members of LCO: I, **Alan (Bodie) LaRush**, a life long community member of New Post, a Graduate of Hayward High Class of 1973. My wife Barbara Baker LaRush and I have 7 children and 13 grandchildren.

When asked by friends to consider being a Tribal Council candidate, I went to some of our Elders for their opinion. All of whom were encouraging and told me yes you can make a difference.

My main motivation to run for Tribal Council is for OUR Grandchildren. What is it that they will have in the future? What needs to be put in place for them? What will they have to be ready, to meet the demands of society?

Two years ago OUR Tribe was on the verge of bankruptcy, employee lay offs and employees lost work hours.

I have been self employed for 23 years. I have worked hard as the owner operator of my Heating and Air Conditioning business, **BODIE'S MECHANICAL**. The experience I bring from managing my own business and enduring the shifts of the economy over these years have caused me to develop a positive strong work ethic, and knowledge of what is necessary for a business to be successful.

I lost my daughter; she had a drug problem and was killed in a car accident in front of her grandmother's house. I know the pain that other parents, brothers and sisters feel. I would like to find a solution to this problem.

I have strong positive work ethics that I can bring to the tribe to increase economic development, accountability and to enhance Mino Biimadzawin (Good Life) for everyone.

I know we were given tools as Anishinawbe people, some of the tools are: asayama; pipes; and ceremonies. And when we use these tools WE can accomplish anything.

I am asking for your vote and support. I will be your employee and work hard for all of our members for a great future.



Hello Tribal Members: My name is **Mike DeNasha** and I'm asking for your support at the LCO Primary Election on May 18th, 2013 so we can make changes for the betterment of our Tribal people. There have been a number of issues regarding our Tribal employees being treated very unfairly at the LCO Casino and other tribal entities. Upper management has terminated many tribal member positions and even replaced some with non-members, which is clearly against tribal preference policy. Some of those employees have been working for the casino for twenty plus years. Many of the terminated employees have taken out long term loans such as mortgages and automobiles thinking their jobs were secure. Our

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casino was built so that our people could prosper and be financially capable to provide for their families. Upper management has hired a CEO (Chief Executive Officer) a non-member who is being paid big bucks to do what they were hired to do. Several people, including myself, have witnessed upper management stating "This casino does not belong to you" well if it doesn't belong to the tribal members then who does the casino belong to? If former TGB member Al Trepania were still alive he would never allow this to happen. He has always fought tooth and nail for our tribal members jobs. If elected to Tribal Governing Board, I promise to stand up for our people! Thank you for your support. Please vote for #7 at the Primary Election on May 18, 2013.



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Boozho Anishinabedug:
I come before you and ask for your vote of support in this upcoming primary election on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

Our Tribe is once again at a difficult time. Many of our people are out of work with very little prospects on the horizon. Think about

our young people as they are preparing to graduate from high school or if they are fortunate enough, graduating from college. What opportunities are there for them on the reservation? For our construction work force, what new projects are on the drawing board or planned for future construction? Ask yourself, what has our Tribal Council been doing to develop new opportunities? This bleak economic situation even fuels some of the illicit underground trade of prescription drugs which is an epidemic in our communities.

I support Chairman Thayer's declaration of war on subscription drug abuse. Yet not all members of the Tribal Council have joined the war in combating this monster that is killing and destroying our families. Instead, some of the Tribal Council members sit back and make promises, according to the Duluth News Tribune article, Sunday, April 28, 2013: depending on how this election goes, of bringing back this very same doctor whose license was just recently limited by the State of WI. Dept. of Safety and Professional Services, for over prescribing.

Week after week the Tribal Council continues to go about its business as usual cloaked in secrecy, deals cut and made in "executive session." Our Tribal Members are fearful to speak up, scared that they will lose their job if they do. This is wrong. No one should be afraid to speak up. I am constantly hearing of long term tribal employees that were terminated without due process after devoting their life's work to the betterment of our Tribe.

Together, let's stand up and let's speak up in this Primary Election. Let's turn the lights back on so we are no longer operating in the dark. Let's demand that our Tribal Government. conduct themselves in an honorable way. Let's demand that they
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